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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
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Re: *Notice of Written ~~Ex~~ Parte Presentation*  
RM No. 11355 and WT Docket No. 01-108; DA 07-131

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter will update Verizon Wireless's February 20, 2007, Analog Sunset Status Report in three respects.

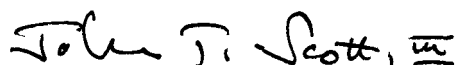
First, the report stated that, as of December 31, 2006, Verizon Wireless identified approximately 318,000 retail customers that were using analog-only handsets based on handset model data. As of March 31, 2007, the number of these customers had decreased to approximately 272,000, a decline of nearly 15% in the first quarter of 2007. Analog customers comprise less than half of one percent of Verizon Wireless' customer base. The company will continue to advise analog customers through individual letters or calls on the opportunities they have to transition to digital handsets. It is also establishing a web page that explains the conversion to an all-digital network in February 2008 and what customers can do to upgrade their handsets.

Second, Verizon Wireless has been able to determine that approximately 4,000 of those analog customers have service via a higher-powered bag phone that was likely purchased in the late 1990s. Verizon Wireless has identified a package of replacement equipment, the Motorola M800 CDMA bag phone coupled with an amplifier and antenna, which will provide CDMA digital service at a power output of at least 3 watts and replicate the coverage of the old bag phones. Network is testing the M800 bag phone to confirm that it meets the company's "Safe for Network" standards. In addition, the company is working with Motorola, two amplifier manufacturers, and its distributor to reach agreements on purchasing the necessary equipment and establishing a marketing plan that would make the equipment available to customers that may be interested in a high powered digital bag phone package. The package would be available to bag phone customers who want a higher power product, while moving them onto the more advanced digital network.

Third, Verizon Wireless referenced the benefits of digital over analog service in its Status Report. Those benefits are particularly important in the area of public safety. Among the clear public safety-related advantages are the following: (1) AMPS does not permit Phase II E911 service because the AMPS network cannot use the components of the E911 network location infrastructure (e.g. PDE) that calculate the location of callers. There is no standalone GPS solution for Verizon Wireless's analog network. (2) The battery life of phones operating on the analog network is significantly shorter than battery life on the CDMA network. Digital standby or usage is approximately *one to two weeks* while analog standby or usage is approximately *one-to two days*. Similarly, analog talk time is less than half that of digital talk time. A customer who is lost or needs assistance would thus benefit from this added battery life. (3) Digital service also provides features that can be invaluable in an emergency situation, including caller ID, navigation services, multi-media messaging, a voice message waiting indicator, enhanced message service and other downloadable applications. (4) Digital service can provide better coverage within Verizon Wireless's cellular geographic service areas, which translates into more opportunities for customers and public safety workers to communicate. (5) Digital technology is a more efficient use of spectrum and thus allows greater volumes of calls during emergency situations, when call volumes can sharply increase.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of the letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Scott, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a double underline under the name "Scott".

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